

# Governor Carney Signs Legislation Raising Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)

## Legislation sets target of 40 percent renewable energy by 2035

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney on Wednesday signed [Senate Bill 33](#), raising Delaware's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 40 percent by 2035.

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The legislation – **sponsored by Senator Stephanie Hansen and Representative Ed Osienski** – will raise the percentage of Delaware's energy that must come from renewable sources through 2035 and help confront the impacts of climate change. Increasing the Renewable Portfolio Standard also was a longtime priority of **former Senator Harris McDowell**.

*"Delaware is the country's lowest-lying state, and climate change is already having a very real impact," said **Governor Carney**. "This legislation will help accelerate Delaware's transition to renewable sources of energy, which is good for our economy and our environment, and I'm pleased to sign it into law."*

"Extending and updating the Renewable Portfolio Standard involves a few complicated mechanisms but one simple idea: the energy future in front of us looks very different from the energy past that got us here," said **Senator Hansen, D-Middletown**. "By encouraging greater use of renewable energy sources, we can simultaneously stimulate innovation, encourage job growth, push for cleaner air, and find new ways to lower

energy bills for Delawareans. That's reason to celebrate and to keep pushing for progress. I'm proud to have sponsored this bill, building off the work of Sen. Harris McDowell, and I thank the governor for signing it today."

"Companies' practices have taken a heavy toll on our environment for far too long. Especially here in low-lying Delaware, where sea level rise is a top concern, it's critical we take action to protect our natural resources and prevent further ecological damage," said **Representative Osienki, D-Brookside**. "Renewable energy portfolio standards have proven to be an effective solution to transitioning away from harmful fossil fuels toward clean, green energy like solar, wind and geothermal. Because we're on-target to hit 25% by 2025, it makes good sense to establish new goals for our RPS program."

"Promoting the use of renewable energy is essential for continuing progress on meeting our targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which are driving the climate change impacts we are already experiencing in Delaware, including sea level rise, increased temperatures and more frequent and intense storms, droughts and flooding," said **Shawn Garvin, Secretary of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)**.

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